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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** ) Robert E. Reuter, et al.  
**App. No.:** ) 09/636,359  
**Filing Date:** ) August 11, 2000  
**Entitled:** ) HYBRID OFFICE PANEL CONSTRUCTION FOR A  
                  ) MODULAR OFFICE FURNITURE SYSTEM  
                  )  
**Group Art Unit:** ) 3635  
**Examiner:** ) C. Nguyen  
                  )  
**Docket No.** ) 000519

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219  
June 18, 2007

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2006, Applicants hereby amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.